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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Ahshik Kim

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 04/21/03 (RCE & Prelim Amdt) .
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 50-52, 56 and 58-60 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 51 and 56 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 50, 52, 58 and 59 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 60 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____ .
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____ .
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____ .
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____ .

DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in
5 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is
eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e)
has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to
37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on April, 21, 2003 has been entered (paper #23).

Preliminary Amendment

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2. Receipt is acknowledged of the preliminary amendment filed on April 21, 2003, which
has been entered (paper #24). In the amendment, claim 51 was amended, claims 53-55 and 57
were canceled, and claims 58-60 were newly added. Accordingly, claims 50-52, 56, and 58-60
remain for examination.

Terminal Disclaimer

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3. The Examiner notes the terminal disclaimer previously filed on August 23, 2003,
disclaiming the terminal portion of any patent granted on this application which would extend
beyond the expiration date of U.S. Patent No. 6,216,953 has been reviewed and is accepted. The
20 terminal disclaimer has been recorded (Paper #20).

Claim Objections

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4. Claim 60 is objected to because of the following informalities:

Re claim 60, line substitute "said holder second" with --said holder section--.

Appropriate correction is required.

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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

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(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

5. Claims 50, 52, 58, and 59 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Knowles et al.

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Re claims 50, 58, and 59, Knowles teaches an optical reader 2 and a stand 3 on which the scanner can be mounted. The stand is comprised of a plurality of vertical side walls (see figure 2), and the gap is formed between the two longer side walls and two shorter top/bottom walls. When the scanner is mounted/rested on the stand, the grip portion (or the body of the scanner) extends laterally in the gaps created by four walls of the stand (see col. 8, lines 34+).

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Re claim 52, as shown in figure 2C, when the scanner is mounted on the stand, scanning ray is horizontally emitted (col. 18, lines 22+).

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claims 51, 56 and 60 are allowed.

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7. Claim 60 would be allowable if the un-intended typing error is corrected as indicated in paragraph 4.

8. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: the claims are directed at a stand for pivotally mounting an optical reader. The Knowles patent and previously cited reference to Wilke, Jr. teaches a stand with the stand member on which the reader is mounted. The art also can be interpreted to contain a holder section in which the grip can be dismounted freely and a base for supporting the section. However, cited reference and other prior art of record, taken alone or in combination, fail to show or fairly teach that the holder section pivots within the base and that the stand member has a tongue, which is inserted into the holder section so that the tongue can be removed freely.

Conclusion

I. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure: Pfeffer (US 4,457,016) discloses a scanner with a stand.

15 II. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to *Ahshik Kim* whose telephone number is (703)305-5203. The examiner can normally be reached between the hours of 6:00AM to 3:00PM Monday thru Friday.

20 If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael G. Lee, can be reached on (703) 305-3503. The fax number directly to the Examiner is (703) 746-4782. The fax phone number for this Group is (703)308-7722, (703)308-7724, or (703)308-7382.

25 Communications via Internet e-mail regarding this application, other than those under 35 U.S.C. 132 or which otherwise require a signature, may be used by the applicant and should be addressed to [ahshik.kim@uspto.gov].

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set forth in the Interim Internet Usage Policy published in the Official Gazette of the Patent and Trademark on February 25, 1997 at 1195 OG 89.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0956.

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